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United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: TA-201-73 Steel Products
Exclusion Request Section 203 Steel Relief Filed
On behalf of Thyssen Steel Group

Dear Sirs:

This electronic non-confidential filing is made on behalf of Thyssen Steel Group of Fullerton, CA, an importer of specialized high carbon hot rolled steel from Germany and in response to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative's ("USTR") Federal Register notice of October 26, 2001 (66 FR 54321-24) in part inviting comments as to why certain steel products should be excluded from the TPSC's recommendation to the President for steel import relief.

As Attachment 1, please find our request for exclusion of specialized high carbon hot rolled steel from Germany entered under HTSUS 7208.27.0060. which is used in the manufacture of fasteners for automobiles. As Attachment 2 please find an affidavit from Mr. Markl of ITW/CIP in support of our exclusion request.

We understand that the purpose of the USTR investigation is to determine appropriate remedies for the importation of steel mill products which are produced by the domestic industry. The product for which we have requested exclusion is only available from one certified domestic producer and in quantities which are insufficient to satisfy U.S. demand. As the attached U.S. customer affidavit states, continued supply of this material from Germany is necessary to assure adequate U.S. auto fastener production. For the above reasons, we conclude that good cause exists for excluding this product from any import restrictions and from the language of any remedy specifically crafted to provide relief in the 201 proceeding.

Should you require any further information from us at this time, please contact Gail T. Cumins, Sharretts, Paley, Carter and Blauvelt, P.C., attorneys for Thyssen Group at (212) 425-0055.

Sincerely,

Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C.

By:_____

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On behalf of

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